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In re Appln. of: **ZANDER et al.**
Appln. No.: **10/749,871**
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For: **VISUALLY COORDINATED ABSORBENT GARMENT**
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Art Unit: **3765**

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).
- ☒ Form PTO 1449
- ☒ Copies of 33 cited references.
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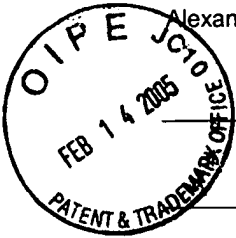
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Copies of the relevant listed documents required by 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Pursuant to 37 CFR

1.98 (a) (2) (i), effective for applications filed after June 30, 2003, Information Disclosure

Statements may be filed without copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published applications.

Such documents are therefore not being submitted herewith.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), English language abstracts for EP 1 269 948 A2, JP 2-1122 A, JP 3-15513 A, JP 3-54633 A, JP 4-83232 A, JP 4-99920 A, JP 4-131224 A, JP 5-5117 A, JP 6-11724 A, JP 6-17725 A, JP 6-142136 A and

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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